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BINDING INTERACTIONS AND DRUG LIBRARIES)

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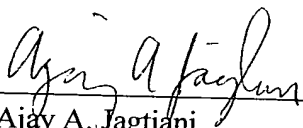
Sir:

The below-identified communication(s) is (are) submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

☒ Response to Restriction Requirement

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, including fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 10-0233, UNME-0078-1.

Respectfully submitted,


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, mailed November 30, 2000 and the Examiner Notice mailed January 5, 2001 (copy enclosed), the period for response to which is set to expire on February 5, 2001. Applicant hereby elects species C within Group I, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required a further restriction between the following species for Group I:

Species

- A Sorting the receptor-ligand pairs by size .
- B Blocking the receptor-ligand interaction and sorting the receptor-ligand pairs by size
- C Sorting the receptor-ligand pairs by fluorescence
- D Blocking the receptor-ligand interaction and sorting the receptor-ligand pairs by fluorescence
- E Sorting the receptor-ligand pairs by magnetic field
- F Blocking the receptor-ligand interaction and sorting the receptor-ligand pairs by magnetic field

Applicants elect the claims associated with Species C within Group I, *with traverse*, i.e., claims 1 through 13 and 15 through 16 for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants reserve the remaining right to file divisional applications for the subject matter covered by claims 14, 17 through 22 of Group I and covered by claims 23 through 47 of Groups II and III. The inventors for the invention of the elected claims are the same as the inventors of record in

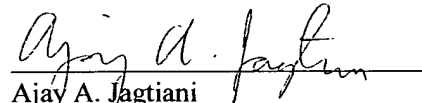
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the application.

Applicant hereby indicates that claim 1 is a generic claim to all of the above-identified species. Therefore, claims 2 through 13 and 15 through 16 should be allowable, provided that generic claim 1 is allowable. If the examiner disagrees with this assessment, they are invited to contact Applicant's representative at (703) 591-2664.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

The reply filed on 12/22/00 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's election of Group I is acknowledged, however, Applicant was required to elect for examination one species of the claimed invention of Group I. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael T. Brannock, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 306-5876. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, Ph.D., can be reached at (703) 308-6564. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Michael T. Brannock
January 2, 2001

Paul R. Rocco
Primary Examiner